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Southern Region News Release Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts



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These estimates were based on grower disposition surveys used to collect acreage, yield, production, and price data along with federal administrative data. Thanks to all who responded to our surveys.

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Key findings for the Southern Region:

Avocados: Florida's utilized production was up 88 percent from 2018 and its associated value of production was up 54 percent. After suffering several years of disease and hurricane damage, yields rebounded in 2019.

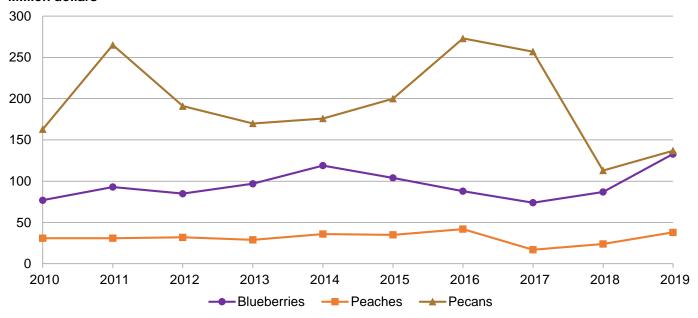
Blueberries: Georgia led the nation with 21,700 harvested acres for 2019. Utilized production was up 76 percent and value of production was up 52 percent from 2018's hurricane damaged crop. Utilized production in Florida was up 16 percent while value of production was up 3 percent.

Peaches: In Georgia, utilized production was up 44 percent and value of production was up 58 percent from 2018's crop which was heavily impacted by freezing temperatures. South Carolina utilized production was up 8 percent while value of production was up 20 percent.

Pecans: Georgia, which accounts for 29 percent of the Nation's pecan production, had a 4 percent increase in utilized production and a 21 percent increase in value of production in 2019. Lingering impact of 2018's Hurricane Michael and 2019's dry summer negatively impacted the crop.

Strawberries: Florida's utilized production was down 18 percent from last year while its associated value of production was up 9 percent.

Value of Utilized Production — Georgia Pecans and Select Fruits: 2010-2019 Million dollars



Pecan Production, Price, and Value — Georgia and United States: 2017-2019

| Variety and State | Utilized production (In-shell basis) | | | Price per pound | | | Value of utilized production | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
| | (1,000 pounds) | (1,000 pounds) | (1,000 pounds) | (dollars) | (dollars) | (dollars) | (1,000 dollars) | (1,000 dollars) | (1,000 dollars) |
| Georgia | 107,000 | 70,000 | 73,000 | 2.400 | 1.620 | 1.880 | 256,800 | 113,400 | 137,240 |
| United States | 304,850 | 240,930 | 255,600 | 2.330 | 1.750 | 1.840 | 709,218 | 421,531 | 470,999 |

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts 2019 Summary, May 2020

Cultivated Blueberry and Strawberry Area Harvested, Yield, Production, and Value of Production — States and United States: 2018 and 2019

| State | Area harvested | | Yield per acre | | Production | | | | Value of utilized production | |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| | | | | | Total | | Utilized | | value of utilized production | |
| | 2018 | 2019 | 2018 | 2019 | 2018 | 2019 | 2018 | 2019 | 2018 | 2019 |
| | (acres) | (acres) | | | (1,000) | (1,000) | (1,000) | (1,000) | (1,000 dollars) | (1,000 dollars) |
| Blueberries (pounds) Florida Georgia | 5,200 13,300 | 5,100 21,700 | 3,950 4,100 | 4,740 4,420 | 20,500 54,500 | 24,200 95,900 | 20,420 53,350 | 23,620 93,980 | 60,404 87,258 | 62,309 133,058 |
| United States | 89,200 | 102,700 | 6,300 | 6,630 | 562,300 | 680,700 | 555,620 | 673,050 | 797,295 | 908,677 |
| Strawberries (cwt) Florida | 9,800 | 9,400 | 250.0 | 215.0 | 2,450.0 | 2,020.0 | 2,450.0 | 2,020.0 | 281,750 | 307,200 |
| United States | 48,720 | 44,800 | 535.7 | 503.0 | 26,099.9 | 22,520.0 | 26,098.7 | 22,500.0 | 2,416,285 | 2,528,520 |

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Fruit Bearing Acreage, Yield, Production, and Value by Crop — States and United States: 2018 and 2019

| Fruit and State | Bearing acres | | Yield per acre ¹ | | Production | | | | Value of utilized production | |
|---------------------|---------------|---------|-----------------------------|--------|------------|---------|----------|---------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| | | | | | Total | | Utilized | | value of utilized production | |
| | 2018 | 2019 | 2018 | 2019 | 2018 | 2019 | 2018 | 2019 | 2018 | 2019 |
| | (acres) | (acres) | (tons) | (tons) | (tons) | (tons) | (tons) | (tons) | (1,000 dollars) | (1,000 dollars) |
| Avocados Florida | 5,800 | 6,000 | 2.40 | 4.30 | 13,900 | 25,800 | 13,620 | 25,540 | 15,278 | 23,565 |
| United States | 53,640 | 52,920 | 3.46 | 2.56 | 185,770 | 135,620 | 183,500 | 134,700 | 400,354 | 398,537 |
| Peaches | | | | | | | | | | |
| Georgia | 10,000 | 8,500 | 2.60 | 4.60 | 26,000 | 39,100 | 23,400 | 33,780 | 23,868 | 37,776 |
| South Carolina | 14,000 | 15,000 | 4.70 | 5.00 | 65,800 | 75,000 | 59,220 | 63,750 | 71,546 | 85,898 |
| United States | 74,700 | 74,400 | 8.72 | 9.16 | 651,500 | 681,600 | 638,020 | 658,830 | 511,226 | 518,876 |

¹ Yield is based on total production.

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